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Jumbo Spectacle

Mysuru Oct.9 (RK&BCT)- Many worlds of one city unveiled at the *Jumboo Savari* last evening with caparisoned elephants in the lead, marking the culmination of the grand finale of the ten-day Dasara festivities. This is 409th Dasara that was started in the Mysuru region by Raja Wadiyar at Srirangapatna in 1610 and subsequently taken over by democratically elected Governments that are continuing the tradition as *'Nada Habba.'*

Though a low-key affair this year, with severe floods in as many as 22 districts in the State in which more than 80 persons lost their lives and lakhs of people rendered homeless and huge crop and property loss particularly in North Karnataka, the elephants, led by the mighty Howdah-carrier Arjuna, performed their roles with well-established protocol and achieved perfection.

The cynosure of all eyes was of course 60-year-old Arjuna with the famed 750-kg Golden Howdah, in which the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari was placed. The last nine days saw the city awash with lights and a slew of cultural programmes were held, for economic fortunes also hinge to a large extent on the tourism sector. Dasara has emerged as a fulcrum and is a money spinner for the stakeholders.

Though the origin of the Dasara is deeply rooted in mythology, Mysuru Dasara has historical association with the rulers of the Vijayanagar Empire. The Wadiyars of Mysuru inherited the cultural practices of Vijayanagar rulers and *'Nada Habba'* is a continuation of the grand tradition.

Showering flower petals

The procession was flagged of by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa who performed *puja* to *Nandi Dhwaja* at the Palace North Gate (Balarama Gate) at 2.10 pm in *Makara lagna.*

The procession *(Jumboo Savari)* was inaugurated by the CM at the Palace premises in the auspicious *Kumbha lagna* at 4.21 pm by showering flowers on Goddess Chamundeshwari inside the Golden Howdah from an elevated rostrum in front of the Palace.

Scion of Mysore royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Mysuru District Minister V. Somanna, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar and Mysuru City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna were present. The procession entered Bannimantap at 6.30 pm.

Crowds swarm the streets

The splendid finale was witnessed by a sea of humanity that thronged the Mysore Palace and the streets leading to the final destination, Bannimantap. People crowded the streets to witness the pageantry of procession and eye-catching tableaux of the once-a-year extravaganza. The cultural display unfolded beginning with a majestic march by the *Nishane* elephants led by veteran Balarama and comprising Abhimanyu (*Naupat* elephant), Dhananjaya, Durgaparameshwari, Gopalaswamy, Gopi and Vikram *(Saalaane)*. As the procession began, there came 21 cannon firing that echoed a 'Boom'! As the Gun Salute echoed the Palace vicinity, Arjuna raised his trunk as a mark of respect. National Anthem was also played.

Arjuna's eighth-time feat

The *Jumboo Savari* reached its pinnacle when Arjuna entered the procession carrying the Golden Howdah with ease, inviting to thunderous applause. He was flanked by Cauvery and Vijaya. Surrounded by a strong Police and Commando Force, Arjuna, carrying the Golden Howdah for the eighth time in a row, and his companions exited the Palace, marching royally on the streets to reach Bannimantap.

(See JUMBO on page 9)

To Our Readers

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Mysuru, Wednesday 9th October 2019

Dialogue with Doctors

Health related information, supported by data, sourced to both World Health Organisation (WHO) and the country's official channels, in addition to articles by those who are regarded as knowledgeable, in periodicals of all hues as well as journals of repute is emerging at a pace leaving the readers confused, if not dumb-founded. Even as the narratives are being published in land's different languages, including Kannada, and can be accessed easily, the outreach of the valuable information seems to be beyond a majority in the country's population, considering that more than 60 per cent reside in villages. Add to this, the rapidly growing number of urban poor bugged by low literacy, apart from their struggle to survive with uncertain livelihood. In this backdrop, *welfare* of people, when seen through the prism of economic prosperity of society, is tied to many factors other than and in addition to *health*, incompletely perceived as freedom from illness. Among the factors to be leveraged for ensuring welfare, qualified medical practitioners, genuine medicines, infrastructure in the form of well-equipped hospitals and affordable services committed to heal with a sense of empathy stand out. However, the ongoing dialogue with doctors practicing allopathic system of medicine seems to be lopsided, going by reports of administration taking unilateral measures.

Senior citizens in Mysuru can recollect the days of the citizens felled by illnesses seeking relief from doctor fraternity identified as General Practitioners (GPs) or Family Physicians, some of whom infused unfailing trust and confidence in the patients, earned by what used to be perceived as *Hasthaguna* (meaning correct diagnosis and appropriate medication). While the city has about 250 GPs at present, the medical profession is dominated by *specialists*.

Given the stunning multiplicity of diseases and disorders in their nature and number on an unprecedented scale, and more importantly, the rapid rise in the number of victims of illnesses that have outweighed all inputs into the country's healthcare sector, the issues of *(a)* Compulsory rural service for doctors graduating from Government Medical Colleges and *(b)* Permitting *dual practice* by doctors on the roll of Government Hospitals to offer private consultation are being debated by administration. The inconclusive dialogue with the healers, pointedly featuring the issue of remuneration, prompts one to cite the Kannada idiom *Haavu Saayabaaradu, Kolu Muriyabaaradu.*

Let not the *elected* representatives of people in seats of authority and unbridled power forget the fat remuneration they have awarded to themselves and the lavish life they lead at public cost. Projecting the healers with a villainous image seems unfair. While the issue of their remuneration concerns all employees of the Government, isolating the case of doctors is incongruous. Administration having not kept Government Hospitals in ideal conditions, permitting dual practice seems to be a way out of the crisis for now, for better outcome in the healthcare sector.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Taking the year 2014-15 as base and comparing with 2018-19, we find that even as the number of Universities has gone up from 760 to 993, the total enrolments (under-graduate and post-graduate) have increased slightly from 23.5 million to 23.56 million with the number in undergraduate classes actually coming down from 21.74 million to 21.58 million. Also, juxtaposing this negligible increase with the fall in enrolment in engineering and science classes, we realise how adverse and skewed is the education our young generation is receiving. We have a large number of students entering colleges with inadequate learning in schools. They need more close and personal attention at the college-level from teachers. *— Y. G. Chouksey in Business Standard*

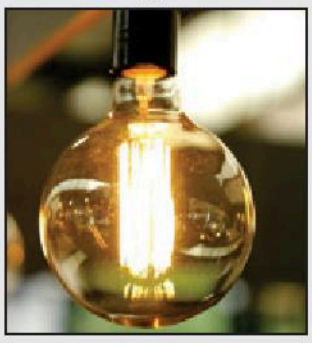
NEWS SPARKLERS

Cat on glucose drip after mating with 5 female cats!

Sichuan: A Russian Blue Tomcat, who was left to roam freely in a pet hotel in Sichuan, China, was put on glucose drip to recover after mating with at least five female cats in just a few hours. Apparently, workers there neglected to feed his pet Russian Blue, named Xiaopi, and simply let him out of his cage to roam freely with all the other felines at the hotel, despite being explicitly told that he had not been neutered.

The staff member didn't feed Xiaopi during the day and let him out to roam freely at night. All the cats were free to walk around the shop and then the employee went home," the outraged cat owner added. "Between around 10.40pm and 5am, my cat mated with five female cats. And those are only the ones I could see in the CCTV footage," Zhao, the cat owner wrote.

Girl reaches puberty by sleeping with lights on



Beijing: A seven-year-old girl reportedly reached puberty, presumably because of sleeping with the lights on every night for the last three years.

At age 7, Dandan (name changed) is already 1.20m-tall, towering over most girls her age. One day, when the girl's mother was giving Dandan a bath, and she noticed that she had developed breasts, that the woman realised something was wrong and took the 7-year-old to the hospital and was shocked to learn that her daughter had reached puberty at least three years earlier than usual.

While asking Dandan's mother about her lifestyle they learned that the 7-year-old girl had been sleeping with the lights on every night for the last three years. After analyzing the possibilities, doctors told Dandan's parents that there was a high chance that all those years of sleeping with the lights on could have triggered puberty much earlier than normal.

HEALTH CAPSULE
by Bron Smith

What are the best dietary sources of Vitamin K?

Vitamin K2 is essential for maintaining bone density and cardiovascular health. It is found in cauliflower, parsley, kiwifruit, avocados, olives, Brussels sprouts, broccoli and dark leafy greens. If your bone density is normal, 90 to 120 MCG daily is an adequate intake.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Excel in Talent Search event

Mysuru, Oct.9- The following students of Vijaya Vittala PU College have won prizes in various competitions at the Talents Search programme — Mahatma @ 150 to mark the celebrations of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi — organised by Young Indians, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)-Mysuru's Project Disha, in association with Cresta College:

Shreya M. Swamy and P. Truptthi have got first prize in "Wealth out of waste" exhibition, M.C. Harshitha got 2nd prize in 'Poster making,' Sharmilee secured 2nd prize in slogan writing and S. Shreyas got 2nd prize in Extempore event.

Winners in Quiz contests

Mysuru, Oct.9- Mohnish Sukhadhare and Poorvik Gowda, X std. students of JSS Public School, Siddarthanagar, have won the quiz competition conducted by Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School. As many as 25 Schools had participated in the Contest.

K. Vaishnavi Singh and A.R. Ridha, students of MICA UG College, won first prize in the quiz competition conducted by St. Joseph's First Grade College, Mysuru, as part of Litterateurs '19 fest recently. The winners were awarded a certificate and a trophy.

Really...?

- ***Beluga whales have flexible necks, allowing them to move their heads. Their complex communication repertoire of whistles, clicks, and chirps has prompted the nickname "canaries of the sea." Learn more about the Cook Inlet beluga whale, a NOAA Fisheries Species in the Spotlight.***
- ***North Atlantic right whales gather small organisms near the water surface, straining seawater with their long baleen plates. The whales' surface feeding behaviour and buoyancy make them vulnerable to collisions.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A priest asks the convicted murderer at the electric chair, *"Do you have any last request?"*
"Yes," ***replies the murderer.*** *"Can you please hold my hand?!!"*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 71.15
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 86.92
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.37
1 Euro	= Rs.78.01

VOICE OF THE READER

Cheluvamba Park walking track crying for attention

Sir,

The salubrious ambience of Cheluvamba Park attracts a large number of morning walkers from Yadavagiri and surrounding areas, what with its lush green lawns, lovely trees and flower plants in full bloom. Verily, it is a lung space for many Mysureans who visit this Park every morning (and evening) in quest of pure air.

But, come rainy season, the 500-plus metre walking track turns marshy with several water-logged spots which forces walkers to wade through several mires in a manner that entails acrobatics of sorts. It is not as if it is only during the rainy season that the visitors to the Park are put in this unenviable plight; for, even an off-season passing shower overnight leaves several marshy spots on the walking track depriving quite a few people of their favoured exercise next morning. It turns out to be such a sticky wicket that it would be difficult to gain traction on the slippery terrain even with spikes. It would be, therefore, of tremendous benefit not only to the residents of Yadavagiri but also others who enjoy taking a walk in this Park, if tiles or bricks were laid on the dirt surface of the oval-shaped walkway. This would also solve the problems caused by stones and pebbles that are protruding like dragon's teeth all along the track.

I would, therefore, request the MCC authorities concerned to take up the works required to make walking a wonderful experience in all seasons — rainy, summer, winter or whatever — at Cheluvamba Park.

—M. Jameel Ahmed

Yadavagiri 2.10.2019

Advocate Sham Bhat's wife passes away

Mysuru, Oct. 9 - Adithi S. Bhat (57), wife of city's senior advocate O. Sham Bhat, passed away this morning at her residence in Bogadi 2nd Stage near Amrita College here.

Adithi Bhat

A native of Kasargod, she leaves behind her husband and a host of relatives and friends.

The body was kept at her residence till 3 pm today during which advocates, dignitaries and others paid their last respects. Last rites were performed this evening at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

Golden Howdah tilts as novice Mahout angers Arjuna

Mahout bends before Howdah elephant to pick up a coin; Arjuna shakes head in disapproval

Mysuru, Oct. 9 (MTY&BCT)- Last evening, while the 750-kg Golden Howdah was being fastened on Arjuna, the Tusker swayed its head vigorously causing the Howdah to tilt to one side. Panicked by this incident, a couple of Mahouts, who were on top of Arjuna, pacified him and Arjuna diligently obeyed the orders.

The Howdah carried the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari. Before the Howdah was mounted on Arjuna, it was brought out from the Mysore Palace vaults where it is kept in safe custody. Pujas were performed and the idol of the bejewelled Goddess *(Utsava Murti)* that was brought from Chamundeshwari Temple atop the Chamundi Hill was placed inside the Howdah.

The Golden Howdah was lifted with the help of a crane and mounted on Arjuna. To provide cushioning effect, *Gaadhi* and *Namdha* (made of soft grass) were fastened on Arjuna first. The Howdah was placed in the middle and ropes were tied on him. Two ladders were placed on either side of the elephant and in the middle was the crane that lifted the Howdah.

Since the last two years, the process of lifting the Howdah and mounting it on Arjuna is being done under the cover of huge curtains that are placed around the ladder and the crane. Member of Royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar (who was watching the process through the windows of the Mysore Palace residential wing) noticed the tilting Howdah and alerted the Mahouts and authorities through hand signals.

Sources told *Star of Mysore* that a Mahout who bent in front of Arjuna angered the elephant that stepped forward and shook his head twice. This caused the *Ambari* (Howdah) to tilt. Sources said that one of the Mahouts who was brought to be trained to tie the Howdah bent before Arjuna to pick up a coin, angering the elephant.

Seeing the idol of the Goddess, people started throwing coins at the Golden Howdah and it is believed that if one possesses the coin that fell from the Howdah, it will bring good luck for his family. Such coins are placed in the puja rooms of houses. Attempting to pick up a coin, the Mahout bent before Arjuna. As the mighty Arjuna shook his head, the panicked Mahout fell to one side and hurt himself.

Soon, the Mahout was asked to leave the place. The incident had not come to the notice of public domain yesterday and it was believed that a photographer flashed the camera lights on Arjuna and the Tusker panicked. The real reason emerged only today.

CM performs puja to 'Nandi Dhwaja'

Amidst a clear sky and bright sunshine, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY) performed puja to *Nandi Dhwaja* at the Balarama Gate of the Palace at 2.03pm in the auspicious *Makara Lagna* on Tuesday.

The CM was accompanied by Deputy CM Govind Karjol, Ministers V. Somanna and C.T. Ravi, MP Pratap Simha, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, MLA L. Nagendra, ZP President Parimala Shyam, DC Abhiram G. Sankar and a host of other officials and people's representatives. After *Nandi Dhwaja* puja, artistes Maheshaiah and Udigala Mahadevappa carried the twin *Nandi Dhwajas*.

People were seen offering prayers to the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari, even as Arjuna walked majestically.

BSY visits Suttur Mutt

Earlier on Tuesday, BSY visited Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill and sought the blessings of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji. He took part in *Banni Puja* in the Mutt amid the playing of Nadaswara.

The Suttur Seer distributed 'Bannipatre' and fruits to devotees who visited the Mutt on *Vijayadashami Day.*

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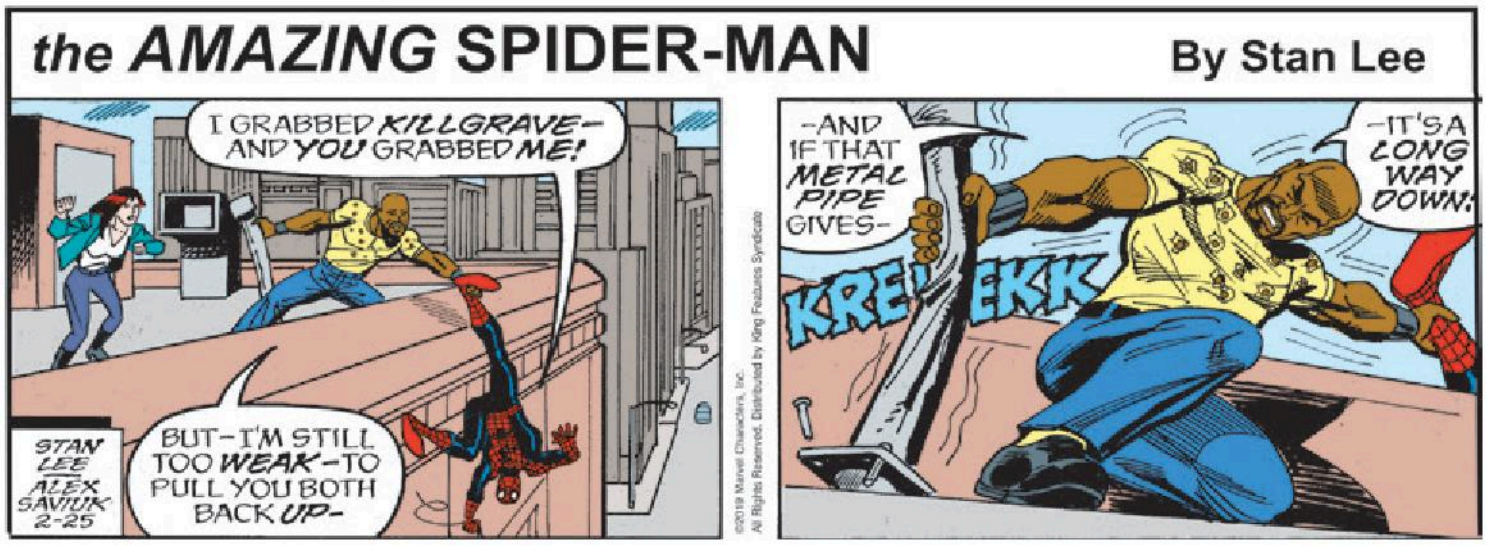
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By Stan Lee
I GRABBED KILLGRAVE— AND YOU GRABBED ME!
BUT—I'M STILL TOO WEAK—TO PULL YOU BOTH BACK UP—
STAN LEE ALEX SAVIUK 2-25
—AND IF THAT METAL PIPE GIVES—
KREEEKK
—IT'S A LONG WAY DOWN!
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A reporter's Dasara Diary

Mysuru, Oct.9- Though *Jumboo Savari* and Torchlight Parade, the finale combo of Dasara festival, apparently went on peacefully without a glitch, it was not without a couple of sidelights indicating inconvenience to people. Here are a few incidents that captured the attention of *Star of Mysore* reporters and photographer.

Crashing through barricades

With crowd becoming unmanageable, people began to crash through the barricades at statue square, K.R. Circle, Ayurveda College Circle and other places. The plight of kids was pitiable being literally crushed in the melee, a few of whom were rescued by the Cops who were forced to resort to a mild lathi charge to subdue the crowd. A woman and a man who swooned out of exhaustion were helped to recover with a glass of water. Elderly women and children screaming for help was a common sight at many places.

Buttermilk, juice offered

Several organisations voluntarily supplied water, buttermilk and juice free of cost to people in need and also for the folk artistes and Police Personnel to quench their thirst.

Family taken for a ride

An elderly person Ramdas from Bengaluru and three of his family members were frantically looking for passes to watch the Torchlight Parade. Cashing in on the situation, a miscreant offered four passes for a total sum of Rs.1,500. Ramdas agreed and bought the passes paying the said amount. When the family went to the assigned gate at Torchlight Parade Grounds, the Cop at the gate scrutinised the passes and said that only one pass was valid while the other three were for Palace premises. The family was just taken for a ride, bemoaned Ramdas speaking to *Star of Mysore*.

Despite the presence of a strong Police force and barricades all around, a few youths were seen hoodwinking the Cops and scaling the compound to watch the Torchlight Parade.

Respite from rain

Though the city was pounded with heavy rain on Monday night extending till wee hours of yesterday, the weather was bright and sunny in the morning and evening posing no hindrance to *Jumboo Savari*.

Convoys of VIPs held up

When the Dasara Procession finally left Mysore Palace, the convoys of VIPs including those of CM and Dy.CMs had a tough time to come out of the Palace premises as the exit gates were all blocked by people watching the procession. When the convoys switched on the sirens, the irate crowd resisted the preferential movement of VIPs who were stuck for more than 15 minutes. The Police managed to get the Jayamarthanda Gate of Palace opened to let off the convoys.

Baby-feeding centres

Realising that many women bring along their infants to watch the procession, District Administration had established temporary baby-feeding centres on the route to facilitate the nursing mothers which earned a good appreciation from the people.

Sangeetha Vidwan 'insulted'

Asthana Sangeetha Vidwan V. Nataraj regretted that he was prevented by the Police from joining the 'Mangala Vadya' team going just ahead of the Ambari elephant. Nataraj, who was coming behind the elephant from Palace premises, was topped by Cops at the North Gate. Nataraj claimed that he has been participating in Dasara procession for the last several decades and regretted that he was prevented this time indicating that it is humiliation of a noted artiste. Later, Nataraj was let out by the Police by opening the gate.

Tree branch yields, one injured

Several youths had climbed the trees at the premises of K.R. Hospital and sitting on the branches to watch the procession. One of the tree branches yielded because of load and one person was injured and admitted to K.R. Hospital.

The said branch actually fell on a shamiana erected by International Lions Club brining down a portion of the shamiana. The Lion members sitting inside the shamiana however had a providential escape. Despite repeated warning by the Police, many people were seen sitting precariously on all dilapidated building to watch the procession.

Three new elephants stay back

Only ten elephants took part in the procession with three new elephants Eshwara, Jayaprakash and Lakshmi staying back. Eshwara from Dubare camp had not acclimatised to the noises of vehicles on the road and used to become restless.

As a precautionary measure, Eshwara and the other two new elephants Jayaprakash and Lakshmi from Rampura camp were held back from going in the procession.

Elephant Dhananjaya, who too seemed disturbed by the sound, managed to join the herd and go along in the procession.

Bike-barricade!

Fear of bike-lifters probably forced the owner of this particular bike to tie his vehicle to a Police barricade on Sayyaji Rao Road last evening where the Dasara** Jumboo Savari **passed. However, the bike-barricade did not cause any disruption to the procession and soon after the mega spectacle, somebody had pulled the bike along with the barricade to the middle of the road may be to draw the attention of the Police.

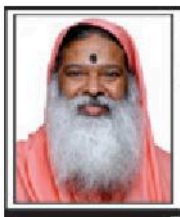
Poor facility for artistes

With no proper facility for the artistes to change their dresses after reaching Bannimantap, they were seen doing the same beside walls and under trees. The folk artistes blamed the District Administration for not providing a rest room near the Bannimantap Grounds and also no toilets after Ayurveda College Circle.

Plight of ambulances

Though the District Administration had assured free passage for ambulances despite the crowd, it was not feasible yesterday.

Three ambulances carrying patients to K.R. Hospital were held up at Ayurveda College Circle with the Police unable to make way for them. The ambulances had to retreat and helplessly chose a devious route to reach the Hospital with the patients inside at the mercy of God.



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Deity : Poornakala Raja Rajeswari
Discourse by His Holiness

Prasīda viśvēśvari! Viśvavanditē!
Prasīda Viśvēśvari! Vedarūpini
Prasīda māyāmayi! mantra-vigrahē
Prasīda sarvēśvari! sarvarūpiṇi

On this Vijaya Dashami, the Supreme Mother manifests as Aparajitadevi. May Her grace shower everyone with victory! May all the entities in the creation be blessed with happiness! May all the good deeds begun today and decided today be rendered fruitful!

During these nine days, Mother Goddess manifested in 9 different forms for the destruction of the demons who are creating havoc. She does this seeking the well-being of the creation. In the war between righteousness and unrighteousness (dharma-adharma), She ensures that righteousness and goodness obtain ultimate victory, thereby ensuring the well-being of the world.

Hence, as a mark of gratitude, we must shout victory slogans seeking Her victory. When we seek Her victory, we obtain victory.

Often, we hear the words, 'Jaya, Vijaya' indicating victory. Yet, there is a small difference between the two words.

Displaying physical might, retaining other people under one's sway and ruling them is 'Jaya'. If we obtain total control over our senses, regulate our desires, anger and others, and if we rule over them, it is called 'Vijaya'. For obtaining both the types of victories, the grace of Mother Goddess is very crucial.

'Jayayai namah, Vijayayai namah'- if we thus glorify Her, She ensures that we obtain both outer and inner victory. She showers upon the person the capacity to obtain victory over his own Self. Thereafter She gives him the capacity to obtain victory over others.

Therefore, provide a little space in your mind for the Mother to reside. She will destroy the enemies who are creating havoc in us and will help us obtain victory over them.

Long back in the past the Divine Mother defeated the unconquerable mighty demon Padma. For this feat, She was praised as Vijaya. Mother Vijaya resides in Kashmir. A pond named Vijaya-teertha exists there. Vijayadashami is the most auspicious day for attaining accomplishment in all tasks.

Before setting out for war, Dharmaraja, the eldest Pandava worshipped Mother Goddess seeking victory. He prayed, 'O Mother, You alone are Jaya and Vijaya'. Pleased with his prayers, Mother manifested before him and assured him of victory in the war. As predicted by her, Dharmaraja obtained victory in the war.

Worshipping Shami tree on this day is an ancient tradition. Mother Aparajita resides in the Shami tree. Hence this tree must be worshipped. Those who worship this tree on this day are abundantly blessed by Mother Aparajita.

May the grace of Mother Aparajita ensure the destruction of all the demonic energies who are tormenting the world! May all the doubts and problems be resolved! May all people be blessed with happiness and peace! May all of them obtain protection from Her!

Tiger slays farmer near Bandipur

Capture or shoot-at-sight order issued

Gundlupet, Oct.9 (SOMG)- A tiger on the prowl in villages bordering Bandipur Tiger Reserve (BTR) in Gindlupet taluk of Chamarajanagar district, killed a farmer at Chowdahalli village in Gopalswamy Hill range on Tuesday.

Shivalingappa (50), a farmer of Chowdahalli, is the deceased.

Shivalingappa is the second farmer to be killed in Tiger attack in the area in a span of five weeks. One Shivanadaiah was killed near the same spot in the first week of September.

Shivalingappa was tending his cattle on his way home when he was attacked by the tiger and mauled to death. Villagers who saw the big cat attack Shivalingappa, tried to rescue him, but it was too late. His body was later found at a secluded spot.

Soon after the news spread about Shivalingappa's death, villagers staged a protest, accusing the Forest Department of being lax in nabbing the elusive tiger. Senior Forest Department officials issued an advisory that the tiger be either trapped or shot dead within the next two days.

A Department Communiqué said that the PCCF (Wildlife) has issued an order that the tiger should either be captured or shot down within the next 48 hours.

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Devi Navaratri Celebration - Day 9
Ayudha Puja - Deity : Shakti Durgi
Discourse by His Holiness

Jaya jagadambikē! Hara kuṭumbini! netra rucā jitasharadambujē
Ghana-viḍambini! kēśarucā!
paramavalambanam kuru sadā pararūpadharē
Mama gatasamvidō jadimaḍaṃ-baratāmdavinaḥ

O Divine Mother! O member of Shiva's family! O Kamakshi, please prosper and flourish. Before the illumination in Your eyes, the winter lotuses appear lusterless. With the illumination of Your hair, you have graced the clouds. You eternally exist as Paradevata. I, who have lost all knowledge and in whom ignorance is merrily dancing, beseech you O mother to remain eternally as my support.

It is due to this Supreme Mother, who rules this entire creation that we are able to remain calm and comfortable. It is Her grace alone that causes the entire creation to remain calm and pleasant.

Divine Mother takes on the name 'Srimat simhasaneshwari'. This was the title She obtained due to killing demon Mahisha. 'Simha' (lion) implies 'that which causes violence (himsa)'. Why did the Mother Goddess retain the lion, which is known for violence, as Her vehicle? By mounting the lion (simha), She makes known to us that She quells violence (himsa).

In order to destroy the wicked and protect the righteous, Mother Goddess accepted the lion as her vehicle. In retaining the lion as her vehicle, there is an in-depth yogic symbolism too. When the word 'simha' is interchanged, the word 'hamsi' gets created.

Hamsi means 'that which walks very slowly'. A swam (hamsa) walks very slowly and gently. In its walk, no agitation can be found. Therefore, swan is symbolic of dignified slow walking.

The Divine Mother exists in the form of a swan. Hamsa also refers to the breath. Thus, in every entity She exists in the form of breath, as such everyone must make attempts to understand about the breath. You will obtain mastery in Yoga. All obstacles in the path of yoga will get destroyed'- to indicate this, the Divine Mother sits on a lion taking up the name 'Srimat simhasaneshwari'.

As this Mother resides in our heart-cave, if we fix our focus upon Her, we attain success both in terms of health and in terms of spiritual progress. This is yet another meaning behind the name 'Srimat simhasaneshwari'.

The person who fails to utilize this human existence for his spiritual upliftment is comparable to an ox. To get rid of these animal tendencies, it is imperative to walk on the path directed by Her. Devatas, who are Her forms, must be worshipped. Charities must be given. Yagnas and yagas must be performed. One must engage in good deeds. All the above mentioned activities are forms of the Divine Mother. The result of all these deeds also belongs to her alone and therefore it is a must to abide by all the disciplines as prescribed by the Vedas. Only then, this Mother, the destroyer of demon Mahisha, will be pleased with us. She, who exists within us in the form of our breath (hamsa) will then make herself known to us.

The ultimate goal of every living entity is to merge into the Supreme Existence. Therefore, instead of chasing wealth and sensory comforts, it is imperative to utilize this life for attaining the ultimate goal. The Divine Mother has limitless compassion towards the person who toils for the end goal.

'Even after completing innumerable births, he still remains trapped. He is toiling hard. Hence I shall go and approach him'- compassionately She rewards him with liberation and merges him into Herself.

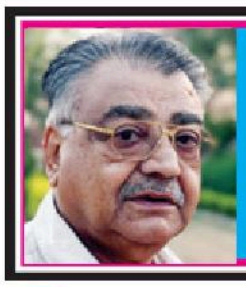
The glories of this Divine Mother are filled with many secretive essences. Living entities in this world lose their form when burnt by fire. On the contrary, the Divine Mother emerged from a burning fire and took on a form.

Such Divine Mother has declared, 'Whenever righteousness is in danger, when unrighteous deeds are surging, I shall take on incarnations and manifest for the protection of righteousness'. This is Her pledge.

Therefore, worship Her, pray to Her, meditate upon Her, serve Her and glorify her. As the demons reside within us, it is imperative to worship Her. The demons exist within us in the form of desires, anger, attachments, greed, arrogance and jealousy. These demons who reside within us try to steal from us the precious gem known as Absolute Knowledge.

When we worship Her unfailingly and devotionally, She will ensure that they are destroyed. She will ensure that the illumination known as Knowledge shines in us due to which these demons are driven away. She subdues ignorance and bestows us with Yogic accomplishments.

Always hold on to the feet of this divine Mother who is striving for the well-being of the universe. When we are under her umbrella, there is nothing more to be accomplished. May Her grace flow towards you all!



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Days of reckoning for Co-op. Banks

Trust deficit, venal Bank officials and ease of borrowing leave depositors doomed

First an anecdote: *My friend Rahul, a Bank Manager, got a rural posting. A tribal came for a loan of Rs. 2 lakh to buy buffaloes and start selling milk.*

Rahul asked him for a ***collateral security.*** *The tribal asked what is collateral security?*

Rahul explained that Bank needs equal amount of security in the form of an asset. The tribal asked since the Bank will be charging interest, then why a collateral?

Rahul kept explaining. The tribal agreed to keep his house as security. The formalities were completed and loan of Rs. 2 lakh was sanctioned at 9 percent interest repayable in five years.

After six months, the tribal returned to pay off the entire loan amount as his business was going on very well and making good money.

Rahul, the Bank Manager, thought of his Deposit target for March and asked what he is doing with the money earned. ***He replied that he kept it in his house in a locked box.***

Rahul was so happy to hear that. He told the tribal that he can keep the money with the Bank and Bank will pay him interest.

Now comes the most interesting part which describes the state of our Banks. The tribal asked, ***"What collateral security will your Bank give??"***

Imagine 17 lakh (17,00,000) depositors of a long-trusted and patronised Co-operative Bank, **Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank (PMC) —** wonder how this combination in the name happened — suddenly finding that they cannot withdraw their own money as and when and in amounts they wished to.

Surely they must have gone into a shocked stupor. In cities, money is the main lifeline for a person after air and sunlight. Which is why, he keeps it in a safe and secured place that the Government has declared as such — Banks and Financial institutions. Among the Banks, the mainline Banks are Public Sector Banks (PSBs) owned by the Government, Private Sector Banks and Co-operative Banks, regulated by the Bankers' Bank the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

My personal experience since 1970 as a small-time entrepreneur was that the PSB is for those with political contacts, Private Banks for the rich and famous, the Co-operative Banks and Financial Institutions for small-time entrepreneurs. As for regular Savings Account and Fixed Deposits, the middle class and the salaried people prefer Co-operative Banks for reasons of convenience — easily available loan at low interest rate, higher interest for deposits and more than all these, no hassles as in the case of other Banks and Financial Institutions.

So then, what happened in the case of PMC Bank?

There was one Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. (DHFL), a small NBFC (Non-Banking Finance Company) owned by one Rakesh Wadhawan and his son Sarang Wadhawan (known to friends as Sunny). According to reports, the Wadhawans saw an opportunity to make it big as Realtors when the Maharashtra Government passed the **Slums Rehabilitation Act 1990 (SRA).** They decided to leverage their connections with the politicians to land lucrative SRA Projects, naturally running to crores of rupees.

For this purpose, they founded another company called Housing Development and Infrastructure Limited (HDIL) in 1996 and worked their way to get the PMC Bank to extend a loan of a whopping sum of Rs. 6,226 crore, which according to reports is 73 percent of the Bank's total assets! And given to one borrower!! How much of it is secured loan and how much is unsecured loan is anybody's guess. According to a TV panel discussion, this was enabled by creating some 21,000 fake accounts. Thus a scam of such a magnitude.

But soon the borrower (HDIL) defaulted, the account became irregular and the Bank was feeling the heat with so much money loaned to one party.

There is a crisis. Enter the RBI — like the fool closing the gate after the horses have fled. Sadly, its intervention was also a shocker to the account holders. RBI first capped the withdrawals by the account holders to Rs. 1,000 (peanuts!). Later to Rs. 10,000 and when everybody protested, it was raised to Rs. 25,000 as on last Thursday. Many of these depositors have their financial future hermetically sealed to this sinking Bank.

With so much of money coming their way, the Wadhawans' lifestyle too changed to being Kings of Good-times. We know whatever happened to the original King of Good-times. Surprisingly, no Government agency, the so-called regulatory authority, the RBI etc., questioned or even enquired into the kind of luxurious, indulgent life these borrowers from PMC Bank were leading. The innocent, trusting, gullible depositors of PMC Bank were actually financing the super-rich lifestyle of Wadhawans.

They owned private jets, luxury yachts, fleet of super-luxury cars, you name it, it is with them including two *Rolls-Royce,* a house in Mumbai with 22 bedrooms and in foreign countries. Of course, the gun-toting foreign bodyguards !

And then there was a restructuring of the two companies — while Rakesh Wadhawan and his son Sunny took charge of HDIL with the creamy layer that dealt with the Maharashtra Government's SRA Projects, brother of Rakesh, Rajesh (Dewan) and his two sons took over the original DHFL. What was the motive, only the authorities like the Registrar of Companies, IT, ED, RBI etc., should divine. Let it be. The truth, rather the bitter truth, today is that while these Wadhawans became billionaires, the PMC Bank, holding the destiny of its 17 lakh depositors, seems doomed.

A national English newspaper had published about the flamboyant lifestyle of Sunny Wadhawan mentioning how Bollywood top stars used to attend their grand parties and once Sunny and his wife Anu had flown-in a Chinese circus for their daughter's first birthday... It is okay, if it was their money. But it was certainly not. It was at the cost of 17 lakh depositors.

By 2013, their business empire began to develop cracks following termination of their contract to re-develop the slums around the Airport by the Mumbai International Airport Limited. This set-back followed by the new Modi Government in place in 2014 almost sealed the fate of Wadhawans. But, paradoxically, Congress Party Spokesperson has said that this PMC scam has strong BJP links with 12 Directors on the Bank's Board! What was Modi Government doing? Slow coach? Or... GoK !

Whatever it be, the good news for the 17 lakh depositors is that the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Mumbai Police have arrested the borrowers (HDIL promoters Rakesh Wadhawan and Sarang Wadhawan) who defaulted. Among the other arrested was the former Chairman of the PMC Bank Waryam Singh. The media reports say that according to the FIR the officials of the Bank and HDIL Group have allegedly caused losses of Rs. 4,355 crore to the PMC Bank.

The Police had earlier arrested PMC Bank Managing Director Joy Thomas. All of them are in Police custody. The ED has also attached several assets belonging to the accused last Saturday. But the question is: Will the 17 lakh depositors get their money back?

That indeed is a million dollar question. If only the Regulators (whoever that faceless, irresponsible entity is), supposed to act as watch-dogs for the depositors, had acted (or barked!) in time. A stitch in time saves nine and, in this case, it would have saved the PMC Bank and its 17 lakh customers.

Mysore Race Course

As I was reading the report about these Wadhawans I chanced to read how they ventured into the world of horse-racing in about 2008 with over 100 horses, valued at about Rs. 20 crore. I was reminded about our own Mysore Race Course (MRC) which some politicians with Realtor interest wanted to be shifted out.

It was alleged that Wadhawans made the foray into racing aimed at 'currying favour with the RWITC (Mahalaxmi Race Course Authorities) and get them to develop a portion of that Race Course into a commercial venture! Wonder how deep, widespread and sinister are the scheming and cunning of these adventurous Realtors. Who knows, the intention of those who wanted MRC shifted could also be suspect like that of the Wadhawans !

As long as politician-bureaucrat (IPS, IAS and the rest) nexus is allowed to operate with impunity, this kind of scams and scandals are bound to take place despite laws to check them.

Is honesty the best policy?

Not in India, I guess !

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Karnataka's ethnicities highlighted in Folk Extravaganza

Mysuru, Oct. 9 (MTY&VNS)- Jumboo Savari is not only about caparisoned elephants taking part in the procession but it is also an opportunity for the State Government to highlight vibrant Karnataka which is blend of different ethnicities and culture.

Folk artistes from various parts of the State, who had descended in Mysuru, gave a glimpse of various folk forms existing in the State during the procession. While, the artistes danced to their own music, the audience present throughout the procession route also tried to emulate them in their own way.

Apart from the regular Dollu Kunita, Veeraghase, Keelu Kudure, Suggi Kunitha, this year, the Dasara Procession Sub-Committee had invited artistes from Maharastra who performed Dhangari Gaja dance, Ghoomar Dance (Haryana), Chhau Dance (Haryana), Singari Melam (Kerala), Tappeta Gullu (Andhra Pradesh) to perform during the Dasara procession.

Goravara Kunita

Maragalu Kunita

Gorakana Dance

Gombe Kunita

Hulivesha

Kombu Kahale

Singari Melam (Kerala)

Lambani Dance

Worship of Royal weapons

Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar performing puja to one of the palanquins as part of Ayudha Puja at the Mysore Palace on Monday.

Aadyaveer in the arms of grandmother Pramoda Devi and mother Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar as they witness Ayudha Puja rituals at Palace.

Mysuru, Oct. 9 (MTY&KS)– On the ninth day of Navaratri, known as Mahanavami, scion of Mysore royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar performed Ayudha Puja by worshipping the Royal Sword (Pattada Kathi) among other weapons at the Palace on Monday.

Yaduveer, dressed in Royal costumes and wearing jewellery, worshipped the weapons and emblems as well as palanquins, chariots and personal vehicles during the rituals which began from 6.15 am.

At 6.45 am, Royal Elephant Vikram, Saalaane Gopi, Palace Elephants Sita, Ruby, Chanchala and Preethi, Royal Cow, Royal Horse, Camel, Royal Sword and other weapons were brought Aane Savari Gate from where they were taken to Kodi Someshwara Temple where pujas was performed to Kodi Someshwara and Kodi Bhairava Swamy. Pujas were also performed to the well and the Kalasha.

Women carrying Kalashas along with royal elephant, horse, cow, camel and weapons were brought to Aane Savari Gate. The animals were received by palace Purohit and taken to the Kalyana Mantap inside the Palace.

At 9.30 am, the elephant, cow and the horse were brought to Savari Thotti and as soon as the Seer of Parakala Mutt Sri Swatantra Abhinava Vageesha Swamiji, who is the Palace Rajaguru, arrived. Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, Yaduveer and his wife Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar received the Rajaguru and performed Padapuja.

Yaduveer performed puja to the weapons between 10.10 am and 10.35 am and later performed puja to the vehicles of late Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar, which was witnessed by Pramoda Devi, Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar and Yaduveer's son Aadyaveer from the window on the first floor of the residential wing of the Palace.

Yaduveer held the private Durbar in the evening and the figurines of lions were detached from the gems-studded Golden Throne. Following this, Yaduveer and Trishikha performed certain rituals and the sacred Kankana were removed from their wrists. Rituals went on till late night.

Yaduveer performs Vijaya Yatre and Shami puja

Mysuru, Oct.9- Scion of erstwhile royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar performed rituals related to Ayudha puja and Vijayadashami at Mysore Palace on Monday and Tuesday respectively. On Tuesday, Vijayadashami started with the honoring of six married couples, known as 'Dampathi puja'.

Thereafter, Yaduveer offered prayers at Amba Vilasa Ganapathi Temple and arrived at Kalyana Mantapa for a second worship of the royal arms. He entered the courtyard holding the sacred flower-decked sword, flanked by Arasu community members who also held swords.

Meanwhile, outside the Palace courtyard, wrestlers fought bouts with Vajra Mushti (knuckleduster), until they drew blood. Then Yaduveer took out Vijayadashami yatra in his car up to Sri Bhuvaneshwari temple and performed Banni puja. He did not, however, use the usual silver chariot this time. The yatra was accompanied by Pattada Aane (State elephant) Pattada Hasu (State cow), Pattada Vante (State camel), Pattada Kudure (State horse), gold palanquin with royal weapons, Birudankitas, Police Band, Mangala Vadya, Deevatige etc.

After performing Banni puja under the guidance of royal priests, Yaduveer distributed flowers used for puja among those who were present and offered 'Kanike' to the priests, before returning to the Palace in a Vijaya Yatre. The puja rituals took place between 9.30 and 11.45 am on Tuesday.

Independent MP Sumalatha attends BJP meet in Mandya

Mandya, Oct.9 (Nagaiah&DM)- Asserting that she will not keep her joining BJP a secret and instead will make a public announcement if at all she was going to join the saffron party, Independent MP from Mandya Sumalatha Ambarish has lashed out at JD(S) leader Shivaramegowda for questioning her on the absence of actors Darshan and Yash, who had campaigned for her in the Lok Sabha polls.

Speaking to press persons ahead of her visit to the District BJP Office at Mandya this morning, Sumalatha said that Shivaramegowda must question the JD(S) legislators from the district on flood relief measures, crop compensation and payment of dues to sugarcane farmers.

Replying to a query on former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy's sarcastic remarks on her alleged foreign tour, Sumalatha said that it was Kumaraswamy who went on foreign tour was at casinos.

Maintaining that she was the first to raise the plight of sugarcane farmers at a meeting called by the present Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, she dismissed the JD(S) allegation that she won because of CLP leader Siddharamaiah's support.

Stating that several Congress leaders too supported her in the LS polls, Sumalatha said that she had expressed her gratitude to Congress workers at various platforms.

Clarifying that it was the Congress workers and not the Congress party which supported her, Sumalatha said she does not want to be dragged into the politics of JD(S) and Congress.

Sumalatha, who visited the BJP office, was greeted with bouquets by party workers. She later took part in a meeting with top BJP leaders and workers of the district.

Tourists leave city with fond Dasara memories

Flower Show to conclude today

Mysuru, Oct. 9 (PM,MTY& DM)- With the 10-day Dasara (Nada Habba) coming to a close yesterday tourists, who had flocked the city for the grand event, have begun to leave Mysuru carrying Dasara memories.

The Chamundi Hill, which was flooded by tourists and devotees for Vijayadashami yesterday, wore a different look with lesser crowd this morning. The devotees who visited Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop the hill today were mostly tourists and families of Police personnel from other districts who were deployed for Dasara duty.

Mysuru Zoo: Mysuru Zoo recorded a footfall of 4,500 tourists by 11 am this morning. Long queues of visitors were seen outside Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Garden waiting for their turn to purchase tickets.

The city Zoo recorded a total of 30,273 visitors on Ayudha Puja day on Oct. 7, beating the previous record of 26,191 visitors in 2016. A total of 28,386 visitors visited the Zoo on Vijayadashami day yesterday (Oct. 8).

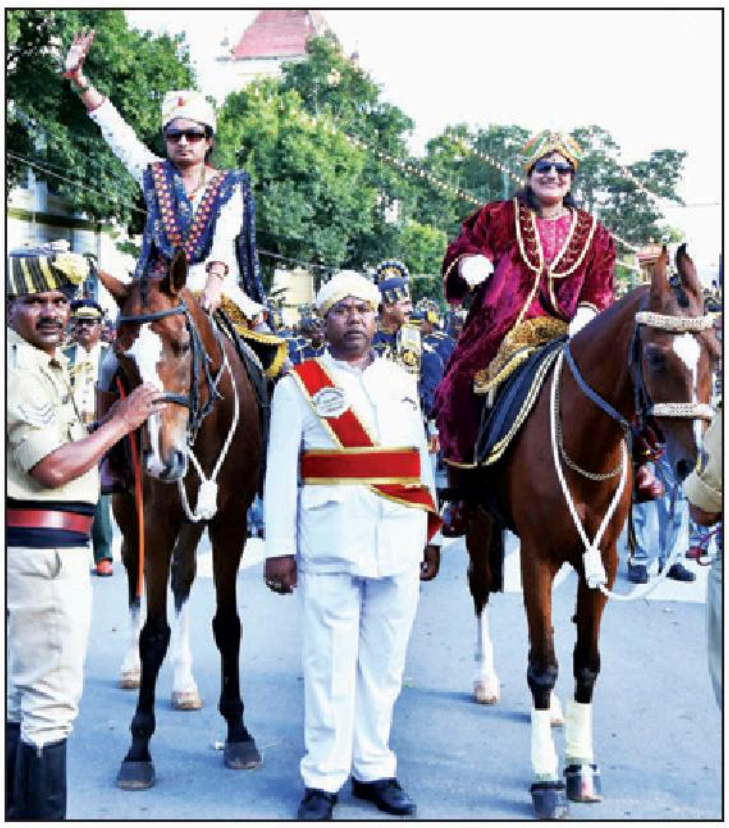
This year, the Zoo recorded 1.65 lakh visitors during the 10-day Dasara with total gate revenue standing at Rs. 159.76 lakh, inclusive of Rs. 29.77 lakh collected on Oct. 7 (Ayudha Puja) and Rs. 28.28 lakh collected on Oct. 8.

However, the scene was different at Karanji Lake as only 150 tourists had visited the tourist spot by 11 am today. The number may rise drastically by evening as Dasara revellers are expected to arrive after visiting other tourist spots in and around city.

Dasara Flower Show to conclude today

Meanwhile, the 11-day Dasara Flower Show organised at Kuppanna Park in Nazarbad will conclude tonight. A big hit among tourists, it is attracting a large crowd right ever since the gates were opened at 9 am today. Hordes of visitors were seen lined up before the ticket counters.

Mysore Palace: Mysore Palace is witnessing a large number of tourists, including foreigners since morning. The visitors were allowed to watch the Dasara elephants which took part in yesterday's Jumboo Savari. However, as a safety measure they were restricted from watching Dasara elephants from close quarters.



Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath (right) and ZP President Parimala Shyam astride the horses as part of Dasara procession.

Three elephants roped in for combing operation

Sharpshooters get ready to shoot the elusive tiger.

Even as a tiger in Bandipur Tiger Reserve mauled a farmer to death at Chowdahalli in Gundlupet taluk yesterday, the Forest Department officials have roped in three Dasara elephants – Balarama, Gopalaswamy and Abhimanyu – for the combing operation to capture the elusive feline. These three elephants will leave for Bandipur this afternoon, it is learnt. *[See also page 5]*

Jumbo Spectacle

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More than five lakh people witnessed the grand spectacle starting from the Palace till Bannimantap. They climbed buildings, dilapidated structures, treetops, specially erected barricades and occupied every space available, jostling with other spectators for space. While over 26,000 people were inside the Palace, others dotted every nook and corner and every available vantage point.

Incident-free procession

The procession passed through Rajamarga and reached Bannimantap via Chamaraja Circle, Albert Victor Road, K.R. Circle, Sayyaji Rao Road, Bamboo Bazaar and Highway Circle.

The Police, over 10,000 inn number, struggled to control the crowd at places where people were spilling over barricades. The Police were exhausted in checking each and every person who entered the Palace. However, the process passed off incident-free.

The city centre and all along the procession route were under tight CCTV camera surveillance and Police drones were seen flying along the procession route keeping a watch on the proceedings.

Cleaning drive begins after Jamboree

Mysuru, Oct. 9 (RK&VNS)- A day after a successful Jumboo Savari, Pourakarmikas swung into action as early as 7 am today to clear garbage and waste littered on the procession route and the roads of Raja Marga and surrounding areas.

Pourakarmikas were seen clearing fruit juice sachets, plastic, chappals, sugarcane leftovers and other waste at the Chamaraja Wadiyar Circle, K.R. Circle, Sayyaji Rao Road, Bamboo Bazar Road, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle and Torchlight Parade Grounds.

Meanwhile, people passing through J.K. Grounds from Dewan's Road had to encounter bad smell emanating from rotten ash gourds that were kept on sale for Ayudha Puja. The vendors have left unsold and broken ash gourds to rot. Mysuru City Corporation is yet to clear them.

Meanwhile, District Minister V. Somanna expressed gratitude over successful Dasara. Addressing presspersons at Jaladarshini Guest House this morning, he said that the Police and District Administration had worked round-the-clock to ensure hassle-free Dasara.

"It is because of the co-operation from all elected representatives that Dasara was successful. Minor lapses would be corrected before next year's Dasara. The issue of passes and tickets will also be solved," he added.

Somanna also said that Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has expressed his happiness over successful Dasara. Intervening, MP Pratap Simha said that Chief Minister had also asked Somanna to conduct similar Dasara for the next three years indicating that the Housing Minister would continue to be the District Minister till the end of this Government's term.

On Dasara Authority

Somanna also mentioned that State Government was discussing on establishing a permanent Dasara Authority. When asked if they were happy with the functioning of the Police, Pratap Simha said the Police had done well.

"I have been working for successful conduction of Dasara ever since I was appointed as Mysuru District Minister. Now, I will dedicate maximum time for Housing Ministry and see that relief works are completed. I will also tour North Karnataka were maximum damages have been reported," said Somanna. MLA L. Nagendra was also present.

Chamundi Rathotsava, Theppotsava

Chamundeshwari Maharathotsava will be held atop Chamundi Hill from 6.30 am to 7.15 am on Oct.13 and Theppotsava at Devikere on Oct.15 at 6.30 pm, according to a press release.

A nail-biting 30-second Vajra Mushti Kalaga

Extinct wrestling form comes alive

Balarama Jatti and Narasimha Jatti pair and Girish Jatti and Narayana Jatti pair indulge in Vajra Mushti Kalaga at Mysore Palace yesterday morning.

Mysuru, Oct.9 (MTY&BCT)- Vajra Mushti Kalaga, an extinct form of wrestling came alive during Vijayadashami celebrations at Mysore Palace last morning with the fight between Balarama Jatti of Mysuru and Narasimha Jatti of Channapatna and between Girish Jatti of Chamarajanagar and Narayana Jatti from Bengaluru.

The event was held at Karikallu Thotti in front of the Kalyana Mantap of Mysore Palace and was organised with all its traditional fervour and as per the age-old customs. The ritual heralded the Dasara procession. The tradition has it that when two Jattis wearing the Vajra Mushti wrestle and the moment the blood is drawn on the head of one of the wrestlers, it signals the start of Dasara procession, later on that day.

Wrestlers, with shaved heads and wearing knuckledusters with spikes, engage their respective combatants in the duel. The knuckledusters, made of metal and ivory, are in the possession of the royal family. They are offered a puja before they are given to the wrestlers.

The wrestlers, while evading the assault with one arm, try to heave blows on the opponent's shaven head with the other hand bearing the knuckleduster. The duel ends with the draw of first blood from one of the wrestlers.

Yesterday's bout took place at 10.20 am in front of a large audience who had gathered to watch the rare annual event. Before the event, the two pairs of Jattis assembled at the special Akhada made of red soil and waited for the signal from the royal family for the sport.

At 10.20 am, scion of Mysore royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar performed the Koosmanda and Uthara Puja at Kalyana Thotti and signalled the start of the Vajra Mushti Kalaga. The Jattis performed pujas to Kuladevi Nimbujamba and began the fight.

On one side, the fight was between Balarama Jatti and Narasimha Jatti. As the fight progressed, Balarama Jetti hit Narasimha Jatti with the knuckleduster and blood oozed out of Narasimha Jatti's neck region. The umpires then declared Balarama Jatti as the winner.

Side-by-side was the bout between Girish Jatti and Narayana Jatti. They went on with the fight despite the truce call by Jasbandis (referees). They even fought outside the Akhada, breaking the rules. This led to a minor scuffle between supporters of the wrestlers.

The bout between Girish Jatti and Narayana Jatti went beyond the designated Akhada, violating the rules. Police and Jasbandis (referees) had a tough time in controlling the wrestlers who fell over media personnel who were covering the event.

As per rules, there must not be any fight if one of the fighters goes beyond the circular Akhada. Despite this, Girish Jatti hit Narayana Jatti a couple of times though the latter was outside the Akhada. Jasbandis Srinivas Jatti and Tiger Balaji intervened and separated the warring fighters and declared that the fight has ended in a draw.

Both the bouts ended within 30 seconds. Later, the Jattis came out of the Akhada and saluted Yaduveer who greeted the Jattis. Madhava Jatti of Mysuru, Chennakutti Jatti of Chamarajanagar, Purushotham of Channapatna and Krishna Jatti of Bengaluru performed the role of Ustads.

Winners of Dasara Open Chess

Mysuru, Oct.9- C. Pavan and Sharan R. Setty, both from Mysuru, tied with 6.5 points from seven rounds, but the former's better progressive tie-break score of 29.25 to the latter's 28.75, helped him to clinch the men's title in the Dasara State-level Open Chess Championship-2019 which concluded at Chamundi Vihar Stadium complex here on Friday.

In the women's section, former State Champion H.R. Manasa clinched the title with 6.5 points from seven rounds.

*The prize winners of Dasara 2019 Open Chess Tournament 2019 in the men's section — (sitting from left) **C. Pavan (1st), Sharan R. Setty (2nd) and M. Bharath (3rd) — are seen with the guests.***

FINAL PLACINGS

Men: 1. C. Pavan (6.5-29.25), 2. Sharan R. Setty (6.5-28.75), 3. M. Bharath (6-24.50), 4. J. Deekshith (6-24), 5. N. Tejasvi (6-21.50), 6. Raju Prasad (5.5-21.75), 7. M.G. Prameeth (5.5-21.50), 8. M.P. Ajith (5-22), 9. K. Upendra (5-21.75), 10. V.P.S. Darshan (5-19.75).

Women: 1. H.R. Manasa (6.5), 2. Hemadri Satish (6-25.50), 3. Dhatri Umesh (6-25), 4. K. Deepthi Lakshmi (5.5-21.25), 5. M.K. Navyashree (5-18), 6. K.R. Bramaramba (5-18), 7. Sanjana G. Rao (5-17.50), 8. K. Kannika Gowda (5-17), 9. Manjula C. Alex (4.5), 10. Afreen Tabassum (4-17).

Runners-up in Volleyball Tournament

*The Mysuru District Pre-University Women's Volleyball team which finished runners-up in the State PU Women's Volleyball Tournament held at Mandya recently — (standing from left) **H.M. Yamuna, M. Sinchana, K.V. Niveditha, M.S. Vibha, G.S. Heena Khanam and J.R. Bhavya;** (kneeling from left) **T.D. Deepthi and Swathi — is seen with** (sitting from left) **K.M. Kanthraj, President, Physical Education Lecturer Association, Mysuru, Lakshmi Narayan, Section Officer, PU Education Board, Mysuru, T.R. Siddharaju, Principal, Govt. Maharaja's PU College, Mysuru, B.N. Nagarathna, Deputy Director, PU Education Board, Mysuru, Mahdevu, Secretary, Principal Association, Mysuru, Nagamallesh, Vice-President, District Sports Committee, Mysuru and Anthony Moses, Team Manager & PE Teacher, Teresian PU College, Mysuru.***

Rural teams win District-level Throwball

*Both the boys and girls teams of Government High School, Harohally, Jayapura hobli, Mysuru, have won the District-level Throwball Competition (2019-20) organised by the Department of Public Instruction, Mysuru and Block Education Office, T. Narasipur, at Government High School, Yadadore, T. Narasipur recently. They will represent the District team at Mysuru Divisional-level. Seen are (standing) **Mahesh, Mahadevaswamy, Preetham, Shekar Raje Urs, Manju, Jayakumar, Rajesh, Chethan (Captain) Manu, Ananda, Manoj and M. Chethan;** (sitting) **Annapoornamma, Anthony Baptist (Physical Education Teacher), Manjunathan (Head Master), Nanditha and Latha,** (squatting) **Madhura, H.N. Rakshitha, Archana, M. Rakshitha, Sindhu, R. Rakshitha (Captain), Anusha, Kavya, Meghana, Preethu, Swetha and Pushpa.***

MYSORE RACES 2019

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

'My Opinion' for Governor's Cup

Mysuru, Oct. 9- The following are the selections for the 13th Day of Mysore Races to be held here tomorrow (10th October 2019):

1. 2.00 PM THE T. TYRELL MEMORIAL PLATE DIV II
1400 mts. (rated 20 to 45)
1. Duxton 2. Jan Zizka

2. 2.30 PM THE BELUR PLATE DIV II
1200 mts. (rated 40 to 65-No Whip)
1. Tokyo Rose 2. Spanish Beauty

3. 3.00 PM THE MAJ. SARDAR L. MAHADEVAIAH MEMORIAL TROPHY
1400 mts. (rated 40 to 65 - Mysore based Horses)
1. Reanna 2. Brabourne

4. 3.30 PM THE SARDAR K.B. RAMACHANDRA RAJ URS MEMORIAL TROPHY
1200 mts. (rated 60 and above)
1. Air Command 2. Gran Paradiso

5. 4.00 PM THE GOVERNOR'S CUP
2,000 mts. (4-year; terms)
1. My Opinion 2.Psychic Force

6. 4.30 PM THE T. TYRELL MEMORIAL PLATE DIV I
1400 mts. (rated 20 to 45)
1. Pink Smile 2. Black Whizz

7. 5.00 PM THE BELUR PLATE DIV I
1200 mts. (rated 40 to 65 - No Whip)
1. Angel Kiss 2. Sun Power

***DAY'S BEST:** AIR COMMAND*
***DOUBLE:** 1. MY OPINION 2. PINK SMILE*
***JACKPOT:** 3,4,5,6,7; **I TREBLE:** 2,3,4; **II TREBLE :** 5,6,7*
***EXACTAS:** 6,7*

—Tipster PGC

Medal-winners in Muaythai

Muaythai kicboxers of SMITE School of Martial Arts, Rajivnagar, affiliated to Mysuru Dist. Muaythai Trust— Irfan (silver in Light weight Division), Sulaiman (silver in Cruiser weight division) and M.N. Arjuna (quarterfinalist in Middle weight division) — won two silver medals for State at the recently concluded Senior Muaythai National Championships organised by MTI in New Delhi's Thyagaraj Sports Stadium. They are trained by SMITE Coach and Founder Syed Tanveer Ahmed and Mentored by Kru. Vikram, General Secretary, MDMT and MCSA.

Chess champs

Mysuru, Oct.9- **Prasiddhi Bhat** (Class VIII) and **M.N. Spurthi** (Class VII) of Acharya Vidya Kula, represented Karnataka State team consisting of five players in the National Chess Tournament in U-14 girls category, organised by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (ICSE) at Amritsar recently. The Karnataka team won the II position.

Tableaux Display Cultural Opulence

Mysuru ZP pays tribute to Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar

Mysuru, Oct.9 (MTY&VNS)- Visitors at Mysore Palace and people assembled throughout the Dasara Procession route were enlightened and educated about different culture and tradition, history, folklore, local attractions and also about various schemes and welfare programmes announced by both State and Central Governments through tableaux which were a part of Dasara Procession held yesterday. Not to forget, few of the tableaux also highlighted the flood damage and rescue operations as well.

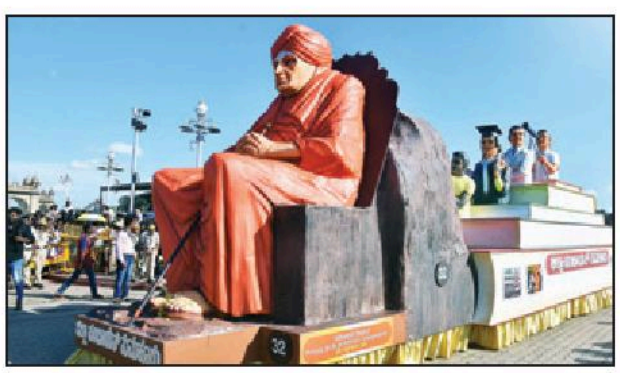
Like every year, Zilla Panchayats (ZPs) of 30 districts of the State along with Department of Information and Public Relations, Airports Authority of India, Dasara Tableaux Sub-Committee and others presented their own tableaux highlighting their achievements.

While Mysuru ZP dedicated its tableau to Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar to mark his Birth Centenary celebrations, the procession also saw Mandya, Tumakuru and Dasara Tableaux Sub-Committee paying tributes to three Swamijis — Dr. Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji of Sri Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Dr. Sri Shivakumara Swamiji of Siddaganga Mutt and Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji of Suttur Mutt — whose contribution to the field of education and spirituality are well-known.

Mysuru District Administration also had a tableau with the theme 'Social Justice' that highlighted the contributions and ideologies of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

This year, the tableau of Belagavi ZP attracted a lot of attention as it highlighted the damage caused by the recent floods in the district. It portrayed the rescue operations conducted by National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and other teams.

MYSURU: ***Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar's Birth Centenary.***



TUMAKURU: ***Holistic agricultural practices, Nadedaduva Devaru***

BAGALKOT: ***Flood Relief programme***

HAVERI: ***Kanakadasa blowing a conch***

GADAG: ***Beti Bachao Beti Padhao***

UTTARA KANNADA: ***Kadamba Banavasi Madhukeshwara Temple***

VIJAYAPURA: ***Vachana Pitamaha Dr. P.G. Halakatti***

RAMANAGARA: ***Maluru Ambegaalu Krishna Temple***

B'LURU RURAL: ***Swachhata Kadege Namma Nadige***

CHITRADURGA: ***Prevention of female foeticide***

BALLARI: ***Hampi sculptures***

KOLAR: ***Dakshina Kashi Kshetra - Antharagange***

SHIVAMOGGA: ***Fit India***

Showcase of India's prowess

BENGALURU URBAN: ***Chandrayaan-2***

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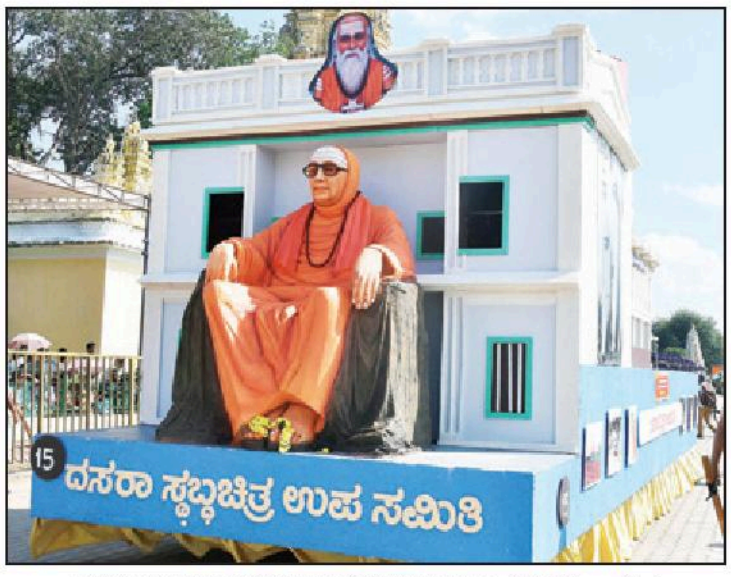
DASARA SUB-COMMITTEE: ***Memu Train, Udaan and Mysuru-Bengaluru 10-Lane Highway***



DASARA TABLEAUX SUB-COMMITTEE: ***Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji of Suttur Mutt***

KODAGU: ***Environment Conservation-Natural Calamity***

UDUPI: ***Sri Krishna Mutt***

Light, stunt display marks end of Dasara

Governor receives salute from marching contingents

Mysuru, Oct. 9 (SBD&KS)- Tent pegging by the Mounted Police personnel, laser show, daredevil stunts by Indian Army personnel, torchlight parade by Police probationers from Hassan Police Training School, cultural programmes and colourful fireworks marked the end of the 10-day Dasara festivities in city yesterday. After the *Jumboo Savari* concluded at Torchlight Parade Grounds in Bannimantap, the torchlight parade commenced with Nada Geethe.

Governor Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala took the salute from the marching contingents of Police, Home Guards, Scouts and Guides, Mounted Police, District Armed Reserve (DAR) Police, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Police Band and NCC's Army, Navy and Air Force Wings. 21 Gun Salute using the canons were given amidst rendering of the National Anthem. The crowd, filled to the capacity at the ground, was treated to a visual delight.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi, District Minister V. Somanna, Ministers C.T. Ravi and Madhu Swamy, MLA Tanveer Sait, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Zilla Panchayat President Parimala Shyam and others were present.

A 17-member Dare Devil team of the Indian Army led by Nishanth Kothari, comprising Nayak Sunil Kumar of Holenarasipur, Nayak Vishal of Belagavi and others, displayed a perfect co-ordination between man and machine.

They performed bike stunts on their Royal Enfield bikes by performing Opening Crossing in the beginning. They later performed Double Crossing, Parallel Crossing, Chain Crossing, and Scissor Crossing, which thrilled the spectators. The riders also rode the bikes without holding the handle, by seating on the rear seat, on petrol tank, by sitting reverse, by standing on the seat, by climbing the ladder placed on the moving bike and by controlling the bike using the ladder which made the spectators stand on their feet.

Later, 10 members of the team formed Christmas Tree on a single bike besides performing Triple Salute and Commando Ride among others. The Army personnel numbering 340, formed pyramids on seven bikes and rode on the Torchlight Parade Grounds holding flags of the Nation, Army and their unit. They also made 15 people lie on the ground and jumped over them on their bikes and also jumped through fire rings. The enactment of the war between Lord Ram and Ravan was the special attraction.

Bike daredevilry

Two Army personnel dressed as clowns not only entertained the young and the old at the Grounds but also performed various stunts which received applause from the spectators.

Torchlight drill

With lights in the grounds turned off, the burning torches provided a breath-taking view with 300 Police probationers from the Police Training School in Hassan staging a Torchlight Drill, which mesmerised the spectators.

The Police probationers bid goodbye to 2019 Dasara and invited the spectators by forming 'See you in 2020.'

Fireworks: Colourful fireworks filled the sky to announce the end of the ten-day festivities at the end of the Torchlight Parade. Spectators were spellbound when fireworks lit the sky.

Tent Pegging by Mounted Police

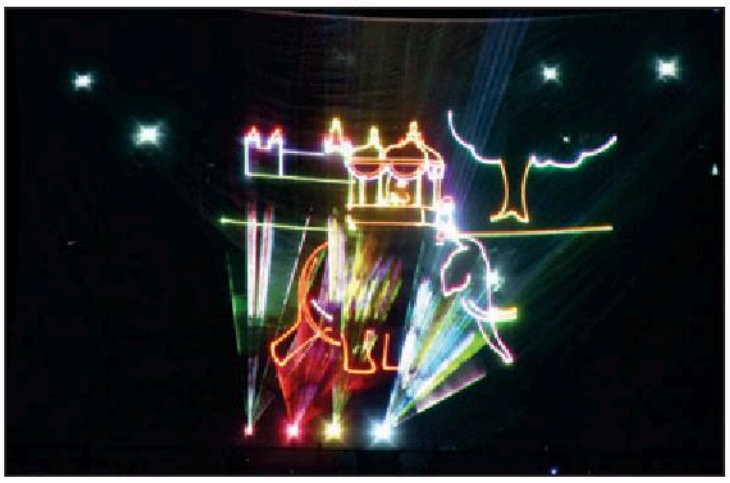
Six Mounted Police personnel, astride their horses galloped in full speed and speared the burning tent with a sharp edged lance or spear one by one followed by a simultaneous act, where all the six galloped at the same speed one behind the other and speared the burning tents, which was a hair raising act.

The Mounted Police personnel included M.S. Anand Singh, Rudrappa, Mallikarjunaswamy, Madhu, Chandru and M.R. Sandesh.

A lilting ballet

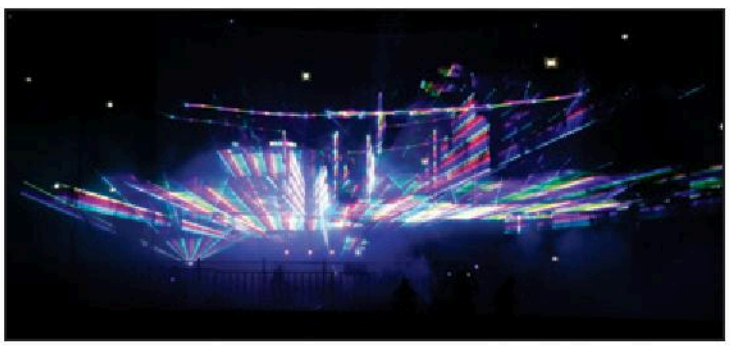
A ballet staged by the dancers of DNA Entertainment showcasing the culture and tradition received appreciation from all. The artistes, attired in multi-coloured garments, danced to the lilting music and Kannada lyrics. A 15 ft tall and 40 ft wide Palace made by the Police team was displayed on the occasion.

Scintillating laser show



A scintillating laser show in the backdrop of music caught the attention of everyone at the Torchlight Parade Grounds.

The Laser Show on the large screen also depicted the story of the evolution of Dasara and its significance which was narrated along. The power of Goddess Chamundeshwari and the story of Mahishasura Mardhini, where Chamundeshwari slayed Mahishasura was also narrated in the backdrop of laser show. The history of Yadu Dynasty was also recalled on the occasion.



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Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
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	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Syeraa Narasimha Reddy	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Geetha	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Kiss	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Pailwaan	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Kurukshetra	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
HINDI			
War	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Syeraa Narasimha Reddy	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Kamanilai	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

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War (H)	(S-1)	9.45 am, 12.55 pm 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Joker (E)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 1.25 pm 7.20 pm, 9.55 pm
Syeraa Narasimha Reddy (Te)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
	(S-4)	9.50 am, 6.55 pm 10 pm
Kiss (K)	(S-3)	10 am
Kurukshetra (K)	(S-3)	12.50 pm
Asuran (Ta)	(S-3)	4.20 pm
Pailwaan (K)	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Adhyaksha in America (K)	(S-3)	10 pm
	(S-4)	1.05 pm
Chhichhore (H)	(S-4)	4.10 pm

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War (H)	(S-1)	9.40 am, 3.30 pm 6.45 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	12.25 pm
Geetha (K)	(S-4)	2.10 pm
Pailwaan (K)	(S-4)	9.10 pm
Adhyaksha in America (K)	(S-3)	6.30 pm; (S-4) 10.50 am
Asuran (Ta)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Kiss (K)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
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Syeraa Narasimha Reddy (Te)	8 am, 11.30 am, 2.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Syeraa Narasimha Reddy (K)	6.25 pm
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Police get thumbs-up
for security arrangements

Mysuru, Oct.9 (RK&DM)- Even as the 10-day Dasara festival drew to a close, the City Police got a thumbs-up for the security arrangements for the smooth conduct of *Jumboo Savari* on Tuesday, marking the culmination of the festival.

Lakhs of people had thronged the entire procession route covering about 5 km, to witness the *Jumboo Savari* and Torchlight Parade at Bannimantap Grounds. While over 10,000 Police personnel who included 14 SPs, 54 Dy.SPs, 153 Police Inspectors, 336 Sub-Inspectors Home Guards and other Policemen, kept vigil on the events of the Dasara finale on Tuesday, the Mobile Command Centre, equipped with numerous features to monitor security deployment, was stationed outside the Palace.

While 4,000 Cops were from city, 6,000 other Police personnel were drawn from other districts for security arrangements.

On Tuesday, entry to the city Palace from where the *Jumboo Savari* took off, was allowed to only those who had passes.

Police Inspectors from Mysuru were deputed at all the entry gates of the Palace and Bannimantap Parade Grounds. To ensure free flow for traffic, the Police had made special parking lots for vehicles and also restricted vehicular movements on a few streets. As a safety measure, ambulances and fire engines were stationed at several places. Also, the staff of K.R. Hospital, Jayadeva, JSS, Apollo BGS, Columbia Asia and other hospitals were asked to be ready to meet any medical emergencies.

As another security measure, about 167 cameras were installed at the Palace, 323 along the procession route and at Bannimantap Grounds and 3,400 cameras in private places to keep a watch on Dasara events and procession. With 360° camera surveillance and devices monitoring images fed from cameras along the procession route, the Mobile Command Centre stationed at the Palace, also accessed live images from three drone cameras used by the Police from the Palace to the Bannimantap Parade Grounds.

Besides, a strong posse of Policemen, one platoon of immediate backup support commando, two platoons of Mysuru City Commando, three teams of State Disaster Relief Force, one Garuda Force, 30 Mounted Horse Force, 30 Anti-Sabotage Check teams, 30 Dog Squad teams, three Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad, one mine-detection team, 34 battalions of Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP), one battalion of Women KSRP and 20 City and District Armed Reserve teams, were on duty.

Overall, the Police were on a high alert and ensured that no untoward incident was reported during the *Jumboo Savari*.

City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna, DCPs M. Muthuraj and B.T. Kavitha, SP Ryshyanth had formulated the Dasara security arrangements.

EVENTS TODAY (OCT.9)

Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP): Bombe Mane, an expo of dolls from across India, **up to 7.30 pm;** Puppet Show by Mysuru Puppet Theatre, Pratima Gallery, #91, above Amarapalli Saree Store, Nazarbad Main Road, **5 pm.**

Artz Gallery: Expo and Workshop on Mysuru Traditional Paintings by M.S. Anand, Artz Gallery, Gokulam, **up to 7 pm.**

Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple, Vijayanagar: Navaratri Bramhotsava, Shayanotsava, Temple premises, **11 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT.10)

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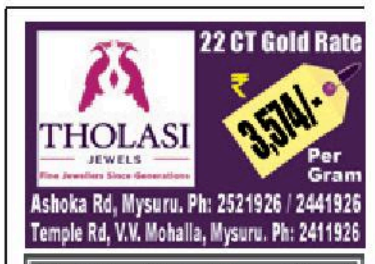
Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar Foundation: Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar's Birth Centenary celebrations, President Ram Nath Kovind releases a book 'Srividya Sankeerthana Sudhalahari' containing 94 Karnatak music compositions of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, Durbar Hall of Mysore Palace, **7.30 pm.**

DASARA ATTRACTIONS

- Flower Show at Kuppanna Park — **9 am to 7 pm till Oct.9**
- New Jumbo Circus at Horse Park grounds near Karanji Lake, behind Zoo — **1 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm**
- Dasara Food Mela at Bharat Scouts and Guides Grounds and at the MUDA Grounds near Lalitha Mahal Palace **till Oct.10**
- Dasara Heli Rides at Lalitha Mahal Helipad **till Oct.10**
- Dasara Water Sports at KRS Backwaters (Blue Lagoon)
- Palace Illumination — **7 pm to 9.30 pm till Oct.13**
- City Illumination — **6.30 pm to 10.30 pm till Oct.15**



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